

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting structure for a heat accumulation tank, comprising:
 - a tank main body forming the heat accumulation tank;
 - an elastic member that wraps around the periphery of the tank main body; and
 - a mounting member which wraps around the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member, which holds the tank main body via the elastic member and which is attached to a receiving member,
wherein the mounting member has:
 - a band that extends in the circumferential direction of the tank main body, and
 - a bracket that attaches to the band, via spot welding, at a spot weld zone;
~~the bracket is attached to the band at a spot weld zone;~~ and
 - wherein the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction, the spot welding of the bracket at this location serving to prevent uneven surface pressure on the middle third portion of the band in the width direction, which enables the heat accumulation tank to be held with greater reliability,
wherein the width direction of the band is perpendicular to the circumferential direction of the tank body.
2. (Original) The mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the elastic member is a molded part.
3. (Original) The mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the length of the elastic member in the circumferential direction is shorter than the length of the outer peripheral surface of the tank main body in the circumferential direction.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the band has a wide portion; the bracket is attached to the wide portion of the band at the spot weld zone, wherein

the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.
6. (Original) The mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the tank main body has an axial core and the heat accumulation tank is mounted to the receiving member with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the mounting member includes a shift inhibiting portion which inhibits the tank main body from shifting upwards in the vertical direction of the tank main body.
7. (Previously Presented) The mounting structure according to claim 6, the band has a wide portion; the shift inhibiting portion is formed from a bracket that is separate from the band, and attached to the wide portion of the band at a spot weld zone; and the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) The mounting structure according to claim 1, further comprising an extended portion extending in the axial direction of the tank main body on the band; and the bracket is fixed to the band at the extended portion.
10. (Original) The mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the tank main body has an axial core, and the heat accumulation tank is mounted to the receiving member with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the tank main

body is shaped so as to have an increasingly wider outside diameter upwards in the vertical direction.

11. (Withdrawn) A mounting method for a heat accumulation tank, comprising the steps of:
 - wrapping an elastic member around the periphery of a tank main body that forms the heat accumulation tank; and
 - wrapping a mounting member around the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member, holding the tank main body via the elastic body and attaching the mounting member to a receiving member, wherein
 - the mounting member has a band that extends in the circumferential direction of the tank main body, and a bracket that attaches to the band; the bracket is attached to the band at a spot weld zone; and the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.
 12. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 11, wherein the elastic member is a molded part.
 13. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 11, wherein the length of the elastic member in the circumferential direction is shorter than the length of the outer peripheral surface of the tank main body in the circumferential direction.
 14. (Canceled)
 15. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 9, wherein the band has a wide portion; the bracket is attached to the wide portion of the band at the spot weld zone, wherein
 - the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.

16. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 11, wherein the tank main body has an axial core and the heat accumulation tank is mounted to the receiving member with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the mounting member includes a shift inhibiting portion which inhibits the tank main body from shifting upwards in the vertical direction of the tank main body.
17. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 16, wherein the band has a wide portion; the shift inhibiting portion is formed from a bracket that is separate from the band, and attached to the wide portion of the band at a spot weld zone; and the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 11, further comprising an extended portion extending in the axial direction of the tank main body on the band; and the bracket is fixed to the band at the extended portion.
20. (Withdrawn) The mounting method according to claim 11, wherein the tank main body has an axial core, and the heat accumulation tank is mounted to the receiving member with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the tank main body is shaped so as to have an increasingly wider outside diameter upwards in the vertical direction.